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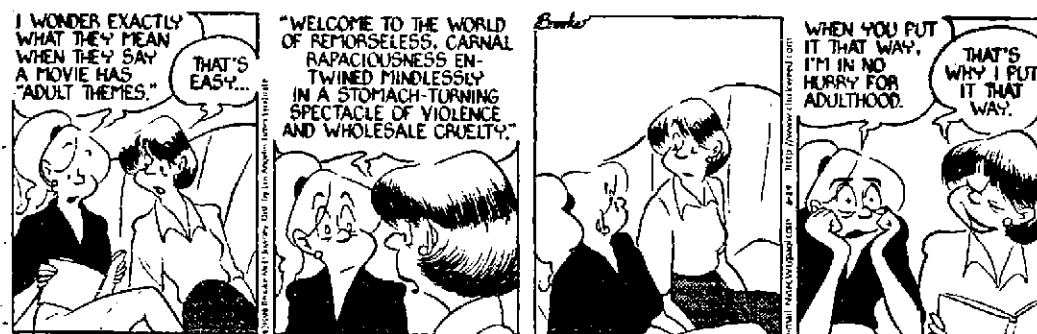
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



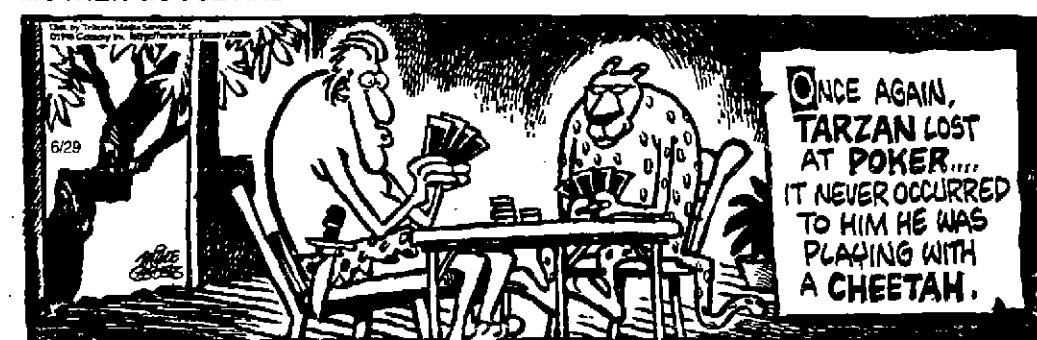
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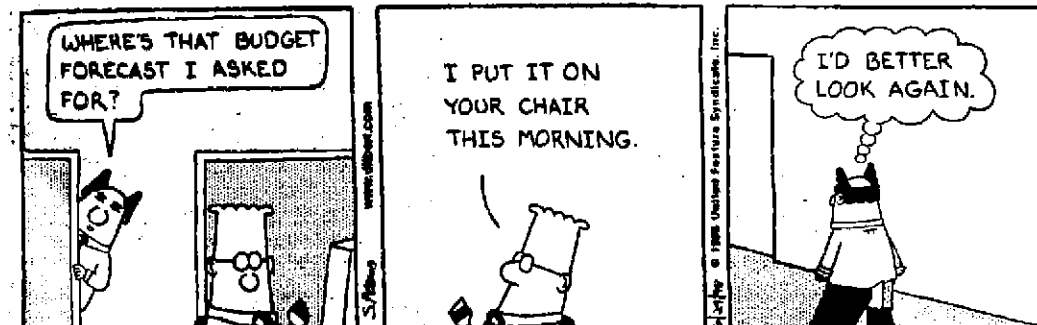
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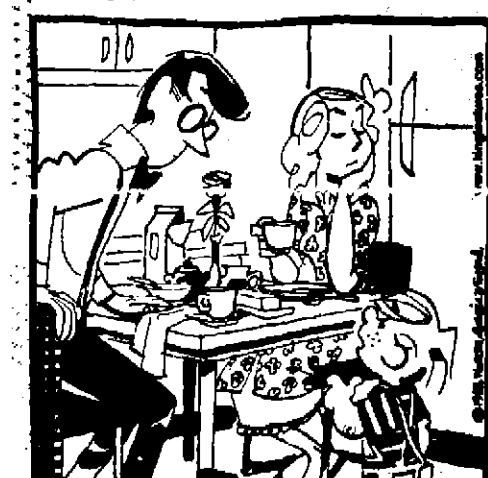
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DILBERT



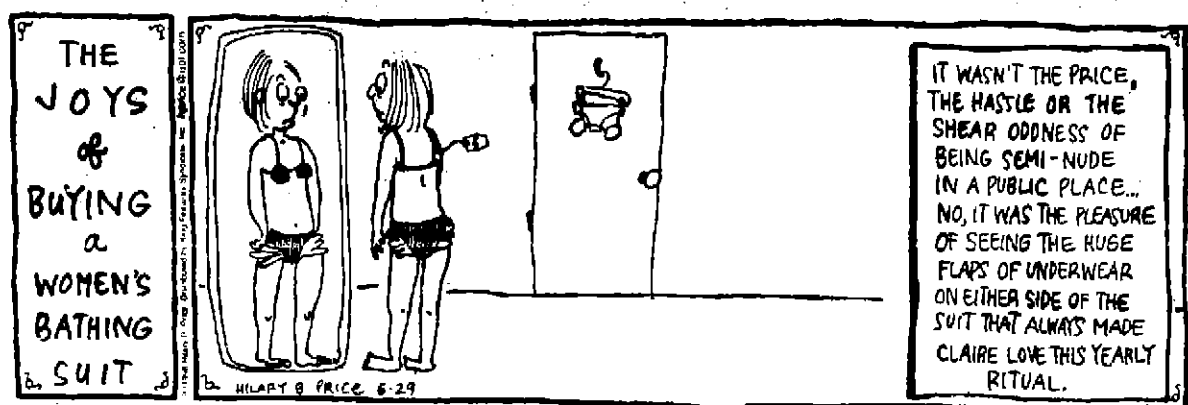
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Ruth Warrick is 83. Movie producer Robert G. Marston is 54. Singer Little Eva is 53. Comedian Richard Lewis is 51. Former U.S. Rep. Fred Grandy (R-Iowa) is 50. Rock musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 50. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 41. Singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 38. Actress Sharon Lawrence ("Fired Up," "NYPD Blue") is 37.

I NEED HELP



Jonah and the Whale: the other perspective.

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 135-145
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 4- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points at each end using a scoring direction at right. Together words get 50 point bonus. Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, Merriam-Webster and OSW Official Scrabble Words. © Chambers Judd's Solution Tomorrow 6-29-98

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, June 30, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make sure to pay attention to the smaller things, lest you leave out an important detail.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a fine time for romance, so ask that special someone to accompany you out. You will be the talk of the town if you choose to attend that fancy function.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Pay no attention to co-workers' idle gossip, as there is likely to be little truth in it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you've been meaning to ask a family member a personal question, don't delay any longer.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Make time for creative endeavors. Remember that integrity is more important than status symbols. At night, relax with a book.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It's an excellent time to tidy up loose ends and take care of practicalities. Catch up on your correspondence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are easily overwhelmed, so don't take on arduous tasks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If you do a friend that favor, the rewards will be better than you could have dreamed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Although you might be reluctant to roll up your sleeves and get to work, you'll be glad later that you bit the bullet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Connect with people whom you've been missing -- even if it's a long-distance connection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Be careful when dealing with co-workers, as their agendas are likely to be different from your own.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Plunge into action; later you can worry about figuring out all the details.

WORD SLEUTH

-Streets

HRNYKYGCZYVSPLI
EBYVAAROSLIFCZW
TQNDOWNINGKIFCZ
WURPMEOJPHECZXU
SQNLJNMWOGNECZX
VTRPNOLATIJHECA
YWVTRPBUSYFNKI
GECBZLLAWYFXWK
USRPOMBLCDSSORC
JIGEDBAYXINIAMA
WUTSOPONLSPKJEB

Saturday's unlisted clue: FROST

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions -- forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: FINANCIAL CAPITAL

Back	Downing	Off	Side
Basin	Easy	One-way	Stop
Busy	Main	Picabo	Two-way
Cross	Noisy	Sesame	

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ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

John Wayne's advice for budding actors can also be useful for aspiring bridge players. In today's example, East should "aim low, play slow, and not try to do too much at trick two." West leads his diamond deuce, advising one and all that the deuce is a singleton. How should East make use of this information? If he plays too quickly, he might succumb to the lure of three quick diamond winners. And it will be costly. If East wins the queen, cashes the ace and gives West a quick ruff, South will win West's exit, draw trumps, and claim the rest of the tricks. What's the slow, measured action that beats the game? After winning his diamond queen, East should return his diamond trey instead of cashing his diamond ace at trick two. This is a suit-preference signal, showing interest in the lower-ranking side suit (low card clubs, high card hearts). Now West gets his diamond ruff before East's ace is gone, and the requested club shift establishes East's king for the setting trick. Against the speedy defense, the defenders get three quick winners, but South discards dummy's club loser on one of his long diamonds. Against the slower, more effective defense, East's club king is promoted to a winner before South's diamonds are established.

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:

	North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Diamond deuce

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0518

ACROSS

1 Has speech difficulties
6 On — (like much freelance work)
10 Opera star
14 Brilliant success
15 Bathroom flooring
16 Japanese sashes
17 Diner offering
20 Hire
21 Partygoer
22 Shakespearean king
24 Historic periods
25 Walter Cronkite's network
28 Plant part
30 Amount eaten
34 The triple of a triple play

36 Org. overseeing fairness in hiring
38 Specified
39 Restaurant offering
42 Week or rear follower
43 Min. components
44 Author — Stanley Gardner
45 Emblems on Indian poles
47 Bucks' mates
49 Initials in fashion
50 In — land (dreaming)
52 Three men in —

62 Lawn party offering
64 Sale caveat
65 Swallow
66 Emulate Cicero
67 Used E-mail
68 Verbally joust (with)
69 Continue a subscription

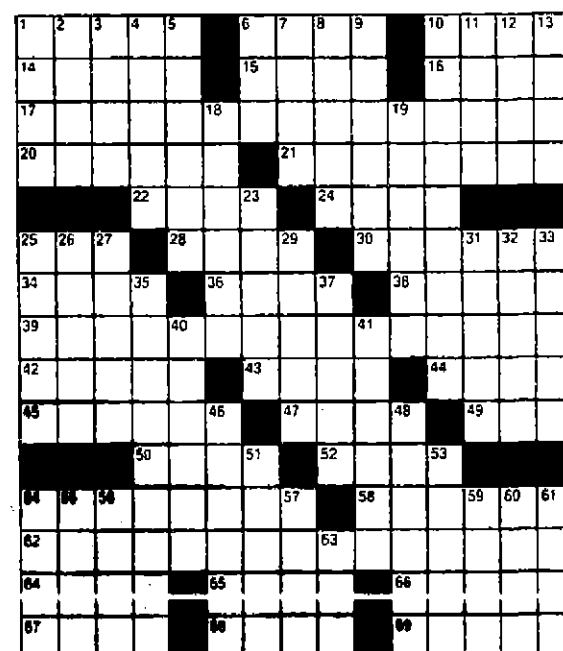
DOWN

1 — majesty
2 Computer signpost
3 False coin
4 Like John Paul II
5 Old Wells Fargo vehicles
6 Regular: Abbr.
7 Tower locale
8 Exhilarate
9 Pretext with -fugal
10 Like New York City, to Albany
11 Footnote abbr.
12 Bad habit, so to speak
13 Arthur — Stadium (U.S.A. facility)
14 Tidy up
15 Actress/singer Durbin
16 Marini phone
17 Kitchen cleaner
18 It's good in Quadeleja
19 German city
20 Bike that zips in and out of traffic

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

VERSED GRAVES
AQUARIA ALIMENT
NUMBERS CRUNCHER
CAPO STAIRS IMA
ALETA ELATE CII
MTN CARL RELET
POD ELOISE LEST
BRAINCCELL

ILEDE CLOT OHO
DIT STEAL SALEM
RES TOPROW CLAM
INFRARED PICTURE
BEATTIE STOUTER
SENSES TYPER



Puzzle by Ed Early

31 Writer Cleveland
32 Starting points in shipbuilding
33 1950's Ford flop
34 Hardest and strongest
35 Facility

36 Ending words in a price
37 Wilkes — Pa.
38 They were once "The most trusted name in television"
39 Facility

40 Injure, as a knee
41 Not having much fat
42 Cracker topping
43 Eurasian duck
44 Life-saving skill, for short

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